



Utah 911 Committee

Grant Application

Addendum

1. Name of Agency Requesting Funding: St. George Communications
(Unified Dispatch Agency Serving
Washington County Entities)

2. Name and Title of Contact Person: Jeff Dial, Manager
St. George Communications Center

3. Contact Information:

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Kirk Smith, Sheriff - Washington County S.O.	(435) 656-6500

4. The Requesting Agency is Seeking Funding from the Utah 911 Committee:
Funding to provide two additional Plant Meridian© positions and associated back room equipment.

5. Funding Request and Justification:
Financial justification for this request is provided on "**Attachment A.**"

6. Demographics:
Justification for this request is provided on "**Attachment B.**" Attachment B includes pertinent information that will assist the committee's understanding of the unique growth and other demographics of St. George City and Washington County,



ATTACHMENT A

Funding Request:

When this grant request was originally presented to the 911 Committee on February 16th it was advised that the St George Communications Center was installing 10 dispatch/call-taking consoles, but was only requesting 8 Vesta-Meridian Workstations. Due to the rapid growth issues that Washington County is experiencing and since we have already planned to install ten consoles, it was recommended by the committee members that we should request grant funding for 2 additional Vesta-Meridian Workstations. The cost of adding these 2 workstations to the already planned system is \$ 79,445.00

Financial Justification:

Total Project	\$ 527,335.40
2 Additional Workstations	\$ 79,445.00 (Addendum Request)
Adjusted Total	\$ 606,780.40
Pyxis Recorder	(\$ 53,844.12) (Not included in request)
Sub-Total	\$ 552,936.28
Local Funding Participation	\$ 290,589.76
<u>911 Grant Request</u>	<u>\$ 236,745.64 (Approved 2/19/06)</u>
<u>Additional 911 Grant Request</u>	<u>\$ 79,445.00</u>



**WASHINGTON COUNTY
9-1-1 GRANT
ADDITIONAL TWO WORKSTATIONS
WITH VESTA MERIDIAN**

\$79,445.00

- ◆ TWO VESTA MERIDIAN WORKSTATIONS
 - 2 XP, HP WORKSTATIONS
 - 4 17" FLAT PANEL MONITORS
 - PCI SOUND CARDS
 - 16 BUTTON TELEPHONE SET WITH 24 BUTTON KEY MODULE
 - VESTA LICENSE
 - ORION MAPSTAR SOFTWARE WITH 3 YEAR SOFTWARE SUPPORT
 - MAGIC LICENSE WITH 3 YEAR SOFTWARE SUPPORT
 - 3 YEAR WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE
 - CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING



ATTACHMENT B

A Demographic Overview of Washington County

Washington County is located in the extreme southwestern corner of the state. The county has a population of approximately 135,000 residents (2006). Washington County consists of high deserts, midlevel plateaus and mountainous high country. Elevations range from a low of 2,400 feet MSL near Bloomington (St. George) to a high of 10,365 feet MSL at Signal Peak in the Pine Valley Mountains.

Washington County has a “High Desert” climate that is characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, slightly wetter winters. With an average annual precipitation of less than 10 inches, the warm sunny weather, it is no wonder that Utah’s Dixie is a favorite retirement destination. Golfing, plenty of sun and a low crime rate have contributed to Washington County’s growth.

In fact, Washington County has ranked consistently as one of the fastest growing counties in the entire nation. Starting in 1965, Washington County has consistently doubled its population every ten years. This growth, consistent for the past four decades, shows no sign of letting up. The growth issue is one of the largest issues facing public safety officials and is driving the planning process for an expanded county-wide public safety dispatch system.

Historical Perspective

Washington County was inhabited by peaceful Paiutes when Brigham Young first dispatched Jacob Hamblin and others to scout and secure the area near the confluence of the Santa Clara and Virgin Rivers. With the outbreak of hostilities between the North and South, Young called for a new settlement in 1861 that could grow cotton in the warm southern climate. Although the new settlement was named St. George, because of its cotton enterprise it acquired the nickname of “Dixie” which has stuck ever since.

Originally, all law enforcement was under the purview of the County Sheriff. As St. George grew, it acquired its own town marshal and that office eventually grew into St. George Police Department. With fairly well delineated roles, the Sheriff assumed responsibility for law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the county and the smaller communities. The St. George Police Department provided for law enforcement in St. George, the county seat. Hurricane eventually fielded its own police department as well.

In 1992, the various EMS, Fire, and law enforcement agencies operating in Washington County opted to combine their dispatch services into a Unified 911 Center. This centralized dispatch has worked well and has played a substantial role in constraining overall communications and dispatch related costs.



In the ensuing years, many of our bedroom communities have joined into the consolidated communications partnerships as their communities added fire, EMS, and public safety departments.

In 1992, the county's total population was approximately 42,000 residents. Our choice of the MAARS/Plant equipment suite then worked well, but it is now at its capacity and incapable of being effectively upgraded to Phase II compliance. Our phenomenal growth requires the same farsighted vision now as then, which is why we have selected the Vesta Meridian/Orion Mapstar with 8 positions. This will allow us to expand as our population and call frequency continues to expand.